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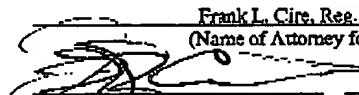
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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
KOJI OKAMURA et al.	)	Examiner: T. Pham
Application No.: 09/598,201	)	Group Art Unit: 2624
Filed: June 21, 2000	)	
For: IMAGE PROCESSING	)	
APPARATUS AND IMAGE	)	
PROCESSING METHOD	)	September 2, 2005

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated August 22, 2005, Applicants elect Group I, namely, Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 46, 49 and 52, allegedly drawn to an image forming apparatus for selecting a recording mode from a plurality of recording modes via conditionally decimating (reducing the number of recording dots through decimation) the inputted image, classified in class 358, subclass 1.13, as shown in Fig. 3. This election is made without traverse.

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